

## SURPASSES ALL SEEN HERE BEFORE

Beef and Dairy Cattle Ready for  
Court of Live Stock  
Appeal.

SOME GREAT HOGS THERE, TOO

Mules, Sheep and Goats Finely  
Groomed for Crowds at  
Fair.

Both the beef and dairy breeds are liberally represented at the State Fair, which, according to officials in charge, surpasses anything yet collected by the fair commissioners. In the beef class, especially, there are a number of specimens which, in the opinion of cattle experts, will be eligible for the international, the court of last appeal for all live stock, held annually the last week in December in Chicago, and to which only animals which have won prizes at previous fairs are eligible. The dairy breeds are well represented and are present in choice array.

Especially noticeable in the cattle exhibit is the large number of mammoth brown Herefords which form perhaps the largest single class. One of these giants is said by the exhibitor to tip the balances at 2,400 pounds, which is going some for an humble cow. The big coal-black Galloways are well represented. A little colony of tiny brown Swiss stand out in striking contrast to their neighbors, a herd of mammoth red Shorthorns, and are attracting the attention of visitors.

### One Thankless Job.

To describe cows and calves and steers is admittedly a thankless job. They must be seen before they can be appreciated. It is worth as much as a six months' course at an agricultural college to go through the live stock exhibit and see what scientific breeding methods have been able to accomplish. Every animal in the stalls is preened and groomed to the limit and looks fresh from the bath tub. There are sleek black-nosed Jerseys, and little Devons from Massachusetts with the finest of calves. There are beautiful black and white Holsteins, pink and black-nosed Friesians from Pennsylvania, jet black Kerry's and Aberdeen Angus, and stately Guernseys with broad white sashes. And, unlike Pharaoh's kine, they are all fat—not a lean one among them.

To the cliff dweller especially the cattle exhibit is proving of big interest. Exclamations of surprise and pleasure from city folks were heard on all sides yesterday—to most of them, a cow was a cow and nothing more. The different breeds were a revelation.

### Bigger Than End-Seat Hogs.

The man who thinks that the fellow who insists on keeping the end seat in the street car is the biggest hog in creation has another thing coming. He has only to pay a visit to the swine colony at the State Fair to realize his mistake. First to greet the eye upon entering the large low shed on the north side is a score of giant porcupine-bristled Berkshires so stout

that they habitually lie down. Those who are versed in hogology make the statement without reservations that they are the largest swine ever raised in this section of the country and the heaviest in all their experience. A number of them have litters of pigs ranging in age from two to six weeks and the attendants in charge are kept busy refusing offers from enthusiastic visitors who are fired with the idea of rising giant Berkshires in the back yard.

Two of the largest of the Berkshires are from Henrico county, and have a record of two silver cups and seventy-five ribbons at various fairs in the State. The trophies are mounted on a large canvas banner hung immediately over the pens, and make an attractive display. The Duroc Jerseys have numerous representatives, and range in coloring from a rich brown to the various shades of pink and red. A collection of snowy white Yorkshires, with a litter of six tiny white piglets, attracted the attention of every visitor to the building. Hampshire and Victorias are numerous, and make a brave showing, with broad white sashes on their black bodies.

### Take Pains for Bulk.

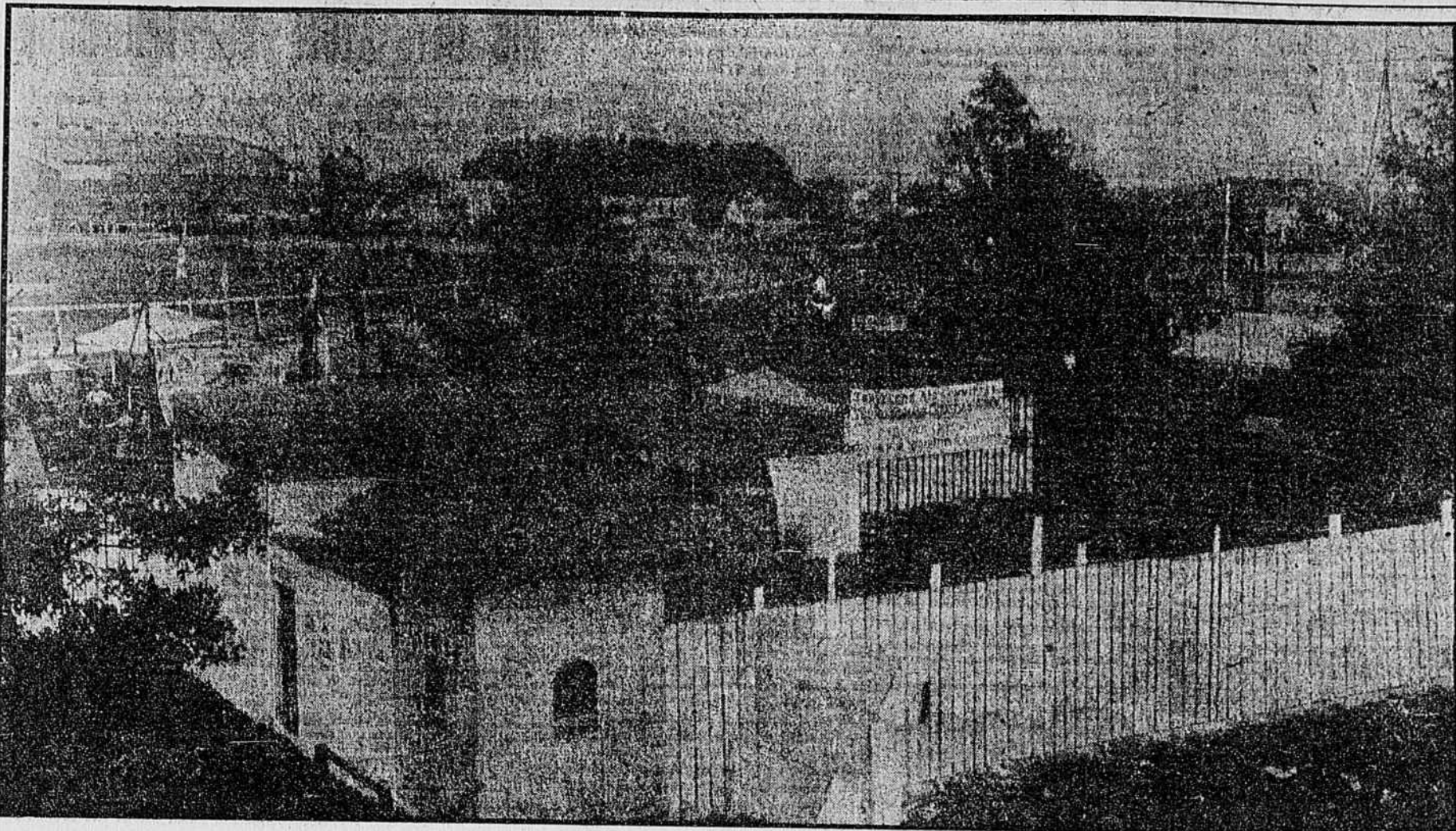
If the Berkshires take the pains for bulk, the Poland China hogs win in a walk when it comes to pure fat. Some of these on exhibition are so fat that only rudimentary depressions are visible where the eyes ought to be—these being sunk far out of sight into fathomless depths of potential lard. They are the dumpest, most ponderous, short-leggedest creatures one can imagine, and exceed even those fantastic animals that are pictured in the wonderful booklets distributed by sellers of stock feed.

The sheep exhibit falls short of the record established by some of the previous years, and most of the choicest breeds in the collection are from farms in other States. A good showing of Cheviots from New York, and sleek heavy-wooled Shropshires from Kentucky, is on display. The Dorset Horn and Hampshire breeds are well represented. Oxford Downs and Cotswolds make up the remainder of the limited sheep exhibition.

One flock of Shropshires, from a Virginia sheep ranch, is credited with winning sixty ribbons at other Virginia fairs. It is an unusually choice lot of sheep, and is much admired by visitors. Another exhibitor has an exceptionally fine flock of Leicesters.

The humbler goat family has not been entirely ignored, and is represented at the fair by a fine lot of Angoras, which, however, are the only members of the goat tribe present. Another batch of goats is scheduled to arrive to-day. The owner of the Angoras claims that his herd has swept the field free of competitors, who have given up in despair upon seeing his white long-haired outters.

## GENERAL VIEW OF VIRGINIA'S GREAT STATE FAIR



(Photo by Foster.)

## POWER MACHINES FOR THE FARMERS

Gasoline Engine Shows How  
They Are Operated and How  
They Save Labor.

Acres of space are occupied by the exhibitors of farm implements and power machinery, the array of the latter being the most comprehensive ever gathered at the Fair Grounds. Practically all the Richmond makers have large concessions and display every imaginable piece of machinery for which use can be found on the farm. In addition to these, a number of foreign manufacturers have good exhibits, in charge of local selling agents and jobbers.

The most noticeable feature of the machinery and implement show is the large number of gasoline engines of every description which are on display. Many of these are running and are attached to various contrivances illustrating their use. The gasoline has been slow in making its way to the southern farm, and the large display at this time is taken to indicate their growing popularity with Virginia farmers. They come in all powers, and are especially useful to the farmer in cutting up feed, pumping water, sawing wood and threshing grain, all of these operations being shown by actual work on the spot.

In the implement line there is the usual assortment. Scores of plow models, harrows, rakes, corn planters, potato diggers, land rollers, dumping wagons, spring-tooth harrows, double-acting harrows, fertilizer sowers, threshers, cultivators, mowers, binders, feed cutters, potato planters, steel scrapers, fanning mills, cream separators and a thousand other things in daily use on the farm are on exhibition, in charge of capable demonstrators. The display of wagons and buggies of every description is unusually large and varied.

In one of the machine exhibits a single fifteen-horsepower gasoline engine was in operation, driving fifteen separate farm machines on a line shaft. It was a remarkable demonstration of the high utility of the gasoline engine for farm work. A number of silos are exhibited, with special machines for cutting up the feed. One of these has a capacity of eighty tons a day. The machinery exhibit attracted a large number of prospective purchasers throughout the day.

## RARE BIRDS IN POULTRY EXHIBIT

Big Eagle Gives Manager Trouble  
in Devising Proper  
Kind of Cage.

There are other things besides hen and roosters in the poultry exhibit, which numbers this year 3,000, or 700 more than were registered last year. Among the freak birds entered are a big eagle, two owls, two Venetian pheasants and a bird of paradise. Manager W. C. Schaaf, of the poultry exhibit, when seen yesterday, was straining his ingenuity to construct an adequate cage for the eagle, and late in the afternoon had not succeeded in devising a satisfactory roost. The bird of paradise is entered by a Richmond exhibitor, and is a tiny little thing, with a tail as imposing as that of Halley's comet.

In the legitimate fowl field, Barred Rocks and Orpingtons are far in the lead in numbers, with Leghorns second and Wyandottes third. The pigeon exhibit is unusually large and contains a large and beautiful variety. In these the flying Homers are leading, with the show Homers an easy second. A large increase is noted in the number of turkeys entered. These number this year sixty-seven, just sixty more than were registered last year. The usual quota of ducks and drakes and geese and guanders are in evidence, as well as a good display of guineas. While technically a poultry exhibit, the show contains a few representatives not usually classed with the two-legged feather tribe. Chief among these is a considerable colony of rabbits and guinea pigs. One enterprising exhibitor has entered a family of white rats.

**More Charges Against Smith.**  
Felony charges against M. A. Smith, now in the City Jail, who is alleged to have operated a real estate scheme, were lodged yesterday at the First Police Station by William Brown, Michael Davis, B. H. Graves and J. E. Woodworth. Each of them, except Graves, claimed to have been swindled out of \$50, while Graves said he had lost \$100 through a deal with Smith.

**Fred G. Kipper Arrested.**  
Fred G. Kipper was arrested yesterday by Detective Atkins on a warrant sworn out by J. M. Atkinson, alleging that he passed a worthless check at the Park Hotel for the sum of \$5. He was taken to the First Police Station and bailed for his appearance this morning in Police Court.

**Mattie Rochelle Arrested.**  
Mrs. M. Russell, alias Mattie Rochelle, was arrested yesterday on a charge of conducting an objectionable establishment at 305 North Adams Street. She was taken to the Second Station and bailed for her appearance this morning in Police Court.

## COUNTY DISPLAYS CATCH ALL EYES

King Corn Still Stands Supreme,  
With Apples Near Same  
Throne.

Corn is king in the county exhibitions at the State Fair. Thirty-two counties have displays in the county building, which is a veritable museum of Virginia agricultural resources. There is a notable uniformity in the various exhibitions, almost all of the counties displaying products also exhibited by the others. In all of them corn and apples are given the most prominence, with grains and grasses running close behind.

The great corn improvement of the past few years imparted by the corn propaganda of the Department of Agriculture is at once apparent from an inspection of the improved product exhibited in profusion by the counties. The ears are larger, firmer and heavier, and the grains show the result of scientific selection by their increase in size and improved quality. One boy from Sussex county, according to T. O. Sandy, in charge of the Virginia department of the farm improvement work being done by the government, reports that he has raised 143½ bushels of shelled corn on a single acre of land. This, says Mr. Sandy, is the largest yield yet reported.

**Hard to Name Best.**  
Asked to name the counties which have the best exhibits at the fair, Mr. Sandy replied that they were all of such uniform excellence that he would not dare to name any one county as having a better show than the others. A hasty inspection of the exhibits confirmed Mr. Sandy's statement. With no intention of leaving the impression that the counties which have been omitted for lack of space are at all inferior, a running inspection of the booths revealed several exhibits of special prominence.

Prince Edward has an artistic display, exhibiting its corn and hay industry, as well as its crop rotation. Roanoke has specialized in vegetables and staple crops. Gloucester has some giant watermelons, several of the monsters weighing more than 100 pounds. Loudoun county has the best display of apples, showing many varieties, including the Red American Beauties, Grimes Golden, Winesaps, Yorks, Imperials, Rome Beauties and Ben Davis. It has also an especially good exhibit of corn.

Nansemond county takes pride in

its cotton, and that staple is the leader in its exhibit. The various truck staples are well represented. Fairfax is strong on apples and grains. Prince George and Surry have attractive displays of peanuts. Nottoway is playing up its hay and grain industries, and Nelson competes for first honors in apples and truck staples.

The greatest single display of apples, however, is in the new industrial building, where an immense raised dais has been constructed with choice specimens of this fruit. Corn and apples, it seems, are most in evidence this year, and give evidence of a bumper crop. Rose Cliff apples show what they can raise in Waynesboro.

**County System Original.**  
In speaking of the county building in general, a visitor from Washington, who has attended a number of the large Western fairs, said yesterday that the system of exhibiting by counties adopted this year for the first time by the Virginia State Fair is the only thing of its kind in his experience, and that the display of corn and apples were the finest he has seen in years. The county system is original with the Virginia Fair, and is an admirable device for creating rivalry and competition among the growers of the State.

One of the most remarkable exhibits in the county building is that of the Virginia Girls' Canning and Poultry Clubs, a part of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work, undertaken less than a year ago by the Department of Agriculture in Washington. The State work is in charge of Miss E. G. Agnes, who goes from farm to farm, giving instruction to the girls. At present only the counties of Amelia, Cumberland and Halifax are being experimented with, and the exhibition at the fair this year attests to the usefulness of the work. More than 5,000 cans of tomatoes are on display, all of them canned and prepared by girls under eighteen years of age. In addition there are hundreds of cans and jars containing every fruit, vegetable and berry native to Virginia, all of them canned and preserved in the most tempting style.

**Judges Are Commended.**  
Much credit was given yesterday to the women who judged articles in the Women's Department at the State Fair. They are: Mrs. A. A. Royal, Mrs. W. J. Carter, Mrs. H. C. Pfeiffer, Miss Lena Warwick, Mrs. A. J. Daffron, Mrs. R. F. Banks, Miss Arabella Pfeiffer, Mrs. C. C. Zylstra, Mrs. W. F. Rex, Mrs. Geo. King, Miss Belle Woodbridge, Mrs. J. G. A. Montague, Miss Emma Whitfield.

**Killed by Freight Train.**  
When attempting to pass between cars of a freight train of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, which was standing on the tracks at the station in Fulton, late yesterday afternoon Alexander Myers was caught between the ends of two cars as the train started ahead and received injuries from which he died several hours later at the City Hospital. He was said to have lived on the Government Road.

## DON'T MISS THAT BLATANT MIDWAY

There Isn't Anything Naughty,  
So There's No Chance of  
Being Shocked.

TAKE YOU IN FOR A DIME

Frankly Amusing and Frankly  
Some Fakes, but There's  
Fun Along the Way.

It takes more than prize hogs, fast horses and crazy-work quilts to make a fair. These make special appeal to farmers with families, race track touts and maiden ladies, but the only feature of the whole fair that everybody, young and old, rich and poor, wise and otherwise, goes completely dippy over is the big, blatant Midway. Once on this magic crescent of painted canvas and curious warnered from artlessness and curios stand individual losses his accustomed plumb and plunges into delicious mysteries promised by leather-lunged barkers with an avidity and abandon possible only on the city, sandy white way.

The Midway this year is larger than ever. A whole mile of it, say the press agents. Well, it takes a good number of shows to fill a frontage of 5,278 feet, and there may not be quite that much Midway, but there is enough. The habits of State fairs will recognize the old stand-bys. They are there by the score—ancient and honorable in conception and yet perennially new. Some of them really instructive and meritorious, others frankly amusing and funny, and—sad to relate—still others which are frankly, avowedly and brazenly fakes. No other word can describe them.

### They Don't Cost Much.

But then nobody cares. Even the fakes cost only a nickel and 10 cents, and it is worth that much to find out how easily a fool and his pocket change are parted. One is out to see everything there is to be seen—the barkers bark, the bands bark, the lady ticket sellers smile seductively, and you give up your 10 cents and go inside. If it's worth the money you tell your friends, if you're stuck you shut up and take in the next show, hoping for better luck.

Only half of the shows were open yesterday, but all of them will be running full blast to-day. Nothing like a comprehensive list is here attempted. Palm readers, fortune tellers, mostly of dusky hue, are in evidence on every side. One enterprising woman has an automatic machine which shells out a picture of your affinity and sundry information about your future life by the nickel-in-the-slot four-letter code. Man Friday the East stands on a soap box and incants over a piece of blank paper, returning it to you with a map of your future existence. A fake? Maybe. Very likely, but it's only a nickel, and it's worth that to hear him incant, "Budda-cola-boolan sub-alah, etc."

Then there are the regulation kind that draw the curtain and hold your hand, and hold you up for as much as the traffic will bear.

"Princess" Olga is with us for the first time—thirty inches tall and blonde. She admits shyly to being thirty-one, and is "not married, but willing to be." The Little Admiral, hardly any larger, is across the lane for the same price of admission. The Alabama Blossoms—that perennial display of the carnival—is present to gladden the heart of the visitor with oleaginous coon songs and breakdowns, and Baby Victoria is here—600 pounds of her, measuring around the arm what the average woman measures around the waist.

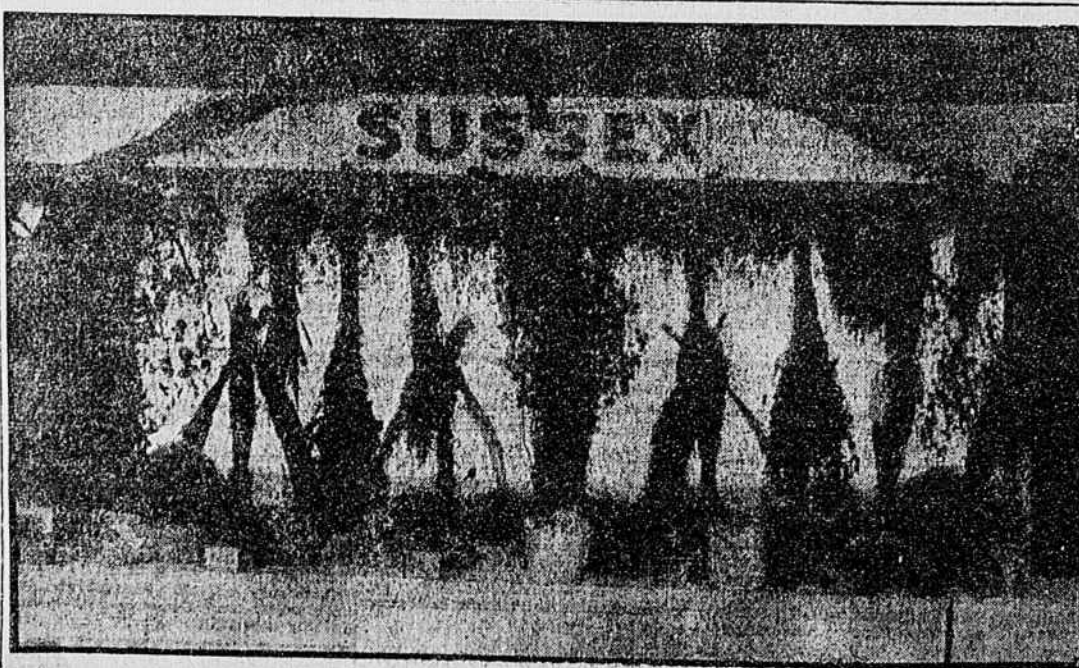
### Your Real Mermaid.

You don't believe in mermaids? Get rid of it. Here is a sure enough one, captured on the Spanish Main off the coast of Brazil, in 1904. Of course, she is dead—actually petrified. Head and body of a woman and tail of a fish. If you've got a suspicion that the mermaid was framed up in a New York studio, here is the very Golden Baboon alive and well that was on the ship that captured her. Look who's here! Thelma and the Little Yankee Prince—the youngest snake charmers in America. The prince is nineteen, so they say, and is twenty-one inches tall. Here's Happy Jack, who has even Baby Victoria bent to a fade-away. He weighs 129 pounds, measures 103 around the waist and wears a forty-four collar. There's the Trip Around the World, with gruesome exhibits of mummified Eskimos, and our old friend, Euzo, the wild man from Australia, who eats snakes for dessert.

But it is impossible to name them all. You can't miss them—the barkers won't let you. It is the greatest Midway yet, and nothing on the joy pike is more than 10 cents.

State Fair, admission 50 cents every day, including Wednesday, Richmond Day.

## SUSSEX COUNTY'S EXHIBIT



(Photo by Foster.)

## Great Demonstration "Wear Ever" Cooking Utensils

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